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In re Application of:)
Mikio Onodera et al.) Examiner: D. Lewis
Serial No. 10/027,451) Group Art Unit 2673
Filing Date: December 20, 2001)
For Force Feedback Functioning Manual)
Input Device and Onboard Instrument)
Control System Having It)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references B1 – B3 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	B1	DE 197 12 048 A1	09/1998	Germany		Abstract
	B2	DE 197 52 056 A1	05/1999	Germany		Abstract
	B3	WO 98/43261	10/1998	PCT		

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